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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON PHIBLEX 4A-T

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1. THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 20: "A LANDING EXERCISE BY A U.S. MARINE UNIT WILL BE HELD IN THE REGION OF VATIKA, NEAPOLIS, FROM OCTOBER 21 TO 27. THE EXERCISE WILL BE OBSERVED BY A NUMBER OF GREEK OFFICERS FROM THE THREE SERVICES. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THIS EXERCISE HAS NO RELATION WHATSOEVER WITH NATO EXERCISES CURRENTLY BEING CARRIED OUT ELSEWHERE, AND THAT IT SERVES GREECE'S GENERAL DEFENSE INTERESTS."

2. ON OCTOBER 20 TWO GREEK-LANGUAGE DAILIES AND THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ATHENS NEWS PUBLISHED REPORTS THAT AN AMPHIBIOUS U.S. MARINE EXERCISE HAD BEGUN OR WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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